

**REMARKS**

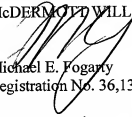
Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claim 4 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In reliance on this indication, Applicants have amended claim 4 to include all of the limitations of base claim 3. Solely in order to expedite prosecution, claims 3 and 5 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer so as to render the rejection thereof moot. Accordingly, only allowable claims are pending.

Having fully responded to all matters raised in the Office Action, Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance, an indication for which is respectfully solicited. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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